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Project Review Committee

Comptroller

Project Proposal - CIA Civilian Specialist Reserve

1. This Office has reviewed the attached proposal, submitted by the Office of Personnel, requesting approval for the establishment of a CIA Civilian Specialist Reserve for the purpose of providing a readily available pool of trained civilian specialists which would be required by the Agency in the event of war or general emergency.

2. It has been estimated that \$33,100 will be required to implement this program in FY 1958, \$158,700 in FY 1959, and \$131,500 in each subsequent year. This is based upon 50 members in the program in FY 1958 and 250 members thereafter. As noted in paragraph 9b of the memorandum, funds for this program were not included in the FY 1958 budget. Additional CIA employees may be required at a later date to support this program although it is stated that initially the additional workload can be absorbed within present ceilings.

3. Although this program was included in the Operating Budget for FY 1958 in the FY 1959 budget submission, it is believed that it should be reviewed on a priority basis along with other programs, in view of the recent memorandum from the Bureau of the Budget to the Director setting forth the President's policy on FY 1958-1959 rates of expenditures.

4. This program cannot be absorbed within the proposed budgetary ceiling of the Office of Personnel and, if approved, it is recommended that it be financed out of the Director's Office.

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Attachment

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